

Friendly Fifth Friday News

January 13, 2023

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com. Feel free to share this with your lodge members!

D17 Instructions- You can only file online this year- no hard copies!

Dear Lodge Treasurers,

Your D17 is ready to complete online by signing on to www.sofn.com. Once you sign on:

- Click on the word 'Profile' at the top of the page.
- Click 'Lodge D17 List'
- Click 'Edit' at the beginning of the line for the 12/31/2022 report.
- Enter your amounts in the correct spaces. You may need to scroll all the way to the right to see all the entry fields.
- Type something into the 'If there is a major deviation....' Line at the bottom, even if there isn't a major deviation.
- Click 'Continue'. This will take you back to the list.
- To sign the report, click the word 'approve' near the end of the line for your 12/31/2022 report.
- Type your member number in the appropriate field.
- Click 'Submit my approval'
- Here you can send an emailed notification to the next person who needs to sign the report, typically the Lodge President.
- Click 'Send Notice'.

IMPORTANT: the D17 Financial Statements MUST be filed online. We will not accept paper or emailed forms.

Here is a helpful video about submitting online! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rrXWrQqBrF0> New: when you sign on, you won't be sent to your profile page automatically, so remember to click the word 'profile' to get to the right place on the site.

If you need a PDF version of this form for your records, you can download it from the Forms area of the website.

Med vennlig hilsen

Sherry Gorse

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Barnebirkie Update from Robert Fossum

Barnebirkie Kjek

Remember that District 5 Sons of Norway lodges contribute cookies (kjek) and volunteers during the Barne Birkie race on 23 Feb 2023 and during registration at the EXPO Center on 23 and 24 Feb. 2023. How cookies will get to Hayward for the 23rd Feb will be announced later. Happy New Year.

Volunteer cookie crew members must register in order to participate. The volunteer website can be found at <https://birkie.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=69124> and the password 23BarneFinish needs to be entered in order to see the BarneBirkie slots. Please, if you plan to be on the cookie crew, enter your info and complete the waiver at your earliest convenience. The Birkie office orders lunches based on volunteer sign-ups.

Robert Fossum, Sports Director- robertfossum@gmail.com

News from Darlene Henderson in regard to Nancy Tuznik

Nancy was very instrumental in starting our Sons of Norway here in Chesterton and worked tirelessly making it a wonderful organization for which I have been a member over 30 years. Many years ago, I attended a Rosemaling class in her home which was very enjoyable. So many aspects of this organization have brought much joy and numerous friendships in my life. I am very grateful to Nancy for all she did to make this happen.

Also Note: Nancy is a past District 5 Director (1988-1992) and Cultural Director (1992-1996).



Nancy Josefine (Gjersengen) Tuznik, 91, of La Porte, IN, passed away peacefully at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 4, 2023, in her home.

She was born October 30, 1931, in Aremark, Norway, to Nils and Esther (Spondalen) Gjersengen.

Nancy owned Tuznik Upholstery with her husband, John. She was a very active member of Sons of Norway and helped start two lodges and participated in Ski for Light for many years as a guide to blind skiers. She also taught Rosemaling (Norwegian folk painting) to her fellow lodge members. She became a Girl Scout Leader so that her daughter's school could have a troop for her daughter to attend. She was a loyal friend to many and always the first to help when someone was in need. She was a great animal lover and will be dearly missed.

On March 6, 1954, in Oslo, Norway, she married the love of her life, Jan (John) Tuznik who preceded her in death.

Also preceding in death were her parents, Nils and Esther (Spondalen) Gjersengen, and older sister, Edith Gjersengen.

Surviving are her children, Steve (Laura) Tuznik of La Porte, IN, Janet (Andrew) Pray of La Porte, IN; two siblings, Erna (Richard) Ellis of Hernando, FL, Steinar (Karine) Gjersengen of Halden, Norway; four grandchildren, Nils (Tamara) Tuznik of Summerville, SC; Hans Tuznik of St. Louis, MO; Lars Tuznik of Honolulu, HI; Sven Tuznik of West Lafayette, IN; one great granddaughter, Luna Tuznik.

A private family service will be held. Cremation will take place. She and her husband's remains will be combined and scattered in places most important to them, here and also in Norway and Poland, so that they can remain together and yet both go home. Lakeview Funeral Home and Crematory, 247 W. Johnson Rd., La Porte, IN, (219) 362-3100, is caring for the arrangements.

Please send condolences to the family at www.LakeviewFHC.com

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to ABRA Rescue Angels. P.O. Box 1426, Crown Point, IN, 46308, in honor of her family dogs, which gave her so much love and comfort until the very end.

New Youth Director!

The District Board was able to fill the Youth Director vacancy during a board call this past week!

Lisa Rove-Williams is a member of Valhall Lodge. She is a first-generation American, both parents having emigrated from Norway as young adults. Lisa still has an uncle, aunt and cousins residing in Norway, with whom she keeps regular contact, and they visit with each other often on both sides of the Atlantic. Lisa has 3 sons, who all attended Masse Moro as campers and remain involved today as camp administrator, counselor, and volunteer.

Lisa's phone number is 815-751-8447.

Happy 2023 to our 2022 Masse Moro Campers and Staff!

As I mentioned last fall, I hope that you have saved the date for another fun filled adventure at **Masse Moro 2023 from July 16 – July 29!**

Our Masse Moro staff is looking forward to seeing you again this summer!

I congratulate all of our 2022 Masse Moro Graduates!

I encourage you to go to our Masse Moro website (www.massemore.org) and explore the opportunity of volunteering at camp this summer.

I have attached a couple of fliers to promote our awesome camp.

Help us recruit other campers by printing and sharing these flyers with your friends and post them throughout your community!

Bring your friends for a wonderful two-week vacation at Masse Moro!

After serving as your Youth Director for District 5 Sons of Norway for the past four years, I have now retired.

I have enjoyed working with all of you, your parents and our wonderful staff at Masse Moro.

I am very pleased to introduce our new District 5 Youth Director, **Lisa Rove-Williams**.

She is extremely talented and truly supportive of our mission at Masse Moro to have “lots of fun”. Lisa will do an outstanding job working for all of you and supporting our staff in creating the magic of Masse Moro.

We encourage all of eligible campers to register by **April 1st** so that our staff can be hired and secured for this summer.

Again, I sincerely thank all of you for allowing me to serve you and our Sons of Norway Board as the District 5 Youth Director.

I truly enjoyed working with all of you and Sons of Norway as we continue to offer this unique Norwegian Heritage Camp – Masse Moro.

Tusen Takk!

Hilsen,

Sandra Olson, Director

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Give a lasting gift to your children or grandchildren!



Masse Moro Norwegian Heritage Camp

July 16 –29, 2023

Children ages 9 to 15

Fall Creek, Wisconsin

For more information: www.sonsofnorway5.com or massemoro.org

District 5 Nordic Legacy Foundation



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Join us for a unique Norwegian Experience: July 16 – 29, 2023

Save the Date!!! Visit www.massemoro.org for more information!!



Enjoying the banquet!



"I think a butterfly would look great!"



From LaVonne Wier, Publicity Director

Hello everyone.

This LaVonne Wier, a Zone 2 director for District 5. Tom Boudreau and Susan are down South at this time. There was a District 5 Zoom meeting yesterday. Tom was not able to join us, so I am sending this **time sensitive** information to all the Zone 2 lodges.

First off:

The Barnebirke in Hayward is coming up at the end of February. I plan to go to the Barnebirke to work the event. Cookies or money donation is requested from each lodge. If your lodge would like to send cookies, it can be arranged for me to haul them up to Hayward. Here is the information on the Barnebirke from Robert Fossum:

WISCONSIN BARNEBIRKIE

Event Date: February 23rd, 2023

Location: Hayward, Wisconsin

Contact: Robert Fossum D5 Sports Director -at robertfossum@gmail.com, or 715.924.4111 or text me at 715.6422872

Additional Information:

A Celebration Cookie Tent is in the plans with Sons of Norway District 5 providing cookies for the young skiers Thursday morning.

We have also reserved a table in the Expo Center to provide cookies and coffee for the adult attendees.

We need volunteers for the tent Thursday morning and also for volunteers to keep coffee flowing in the Expo on Thursday and Friday during the day.

Details:

*We are asking Lodges to contribute **cookies homemade or purchased without nuts** to prevent nut allergies. Healthy oatmeal, lower-sugar or gluten free type cookies for the Barnebirkie and Expo are sometimes requested. They usually have over 900 barnebirkie skiers so we need lots of cookies for the Barnebirkie and many cookies at the registration area at the EXPO Center.*

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The **volunteer website** can be found at <https://birkie.volunteerlocal.com/volunteer/?id=69124> and the password 23BarneFinish needs to be entered in order to see the Barne slots. *Please, if you plan to be on the cookie crew, enter your info and complete the waiver at your earliest convenience.*

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Robert Fossum: D5 Sports Director

Second:

A Task Force is being formed to look at the alignment of zones in District 5. They are looking for a variety of ages/experience. If you are interested in working on the task force, let me know so I can let the board know of your interest.

Third:

The TUBFRIM project has changed. There are options for where to send the stamps. If your lodge decides to continue this community project, each lodge will send the stamps to the recipient organization. Check Darlene Arneson's Friendly Fifth Friday news for specifics. Your zone director will no longer collect the stamps.

Fourth:

Another fall Adult weekend is planned for October 6, 7 and 8, 2023 in Norway, Illinois. It is "in the works". Check the FFF news for updates as they happen.

I'll be visiting a couple lodges in my area in January. I believe Tom will be back home in March. When he returns, he will get the Norwegian trunk to bring to his lodges Up North.

Darlene Arneson does a super job of bringing us "news we can use". If you aren't checking the FFF she sends each Friday, you are missing out on lots of good stuff to know.

Any questions/comments on the above items can be directed to me at the email address listed, or you can call me at 608-539-3243. Listen to the song and leave a message if I don't answer the phone. I will get back to you.

Hoping you all, and the snowbirds, Tom and Susan, are doing well in this frozen tundra season. All for now!

LaVonne Wier
Zone 2 Director

Message from President Cheryl Wille-Schlesser- Hurtigruten Trip

District 5 Board Members,

I just received this information in regard to a proposed Hurtigruten excursion for D5 members and their guests in 2024.

Cheryl

Hello Members,

Included is the 2024 Hurtigruten season schedules and pricing, so you can begin looking at the options. No decision has been made on the travel dates, the ship, or the sailing direction(s). Some people have indicated that they have taken the northern passage from Bergen to Kirkenes, thus wanting to sail southward. Please share your thoughts.

I have asked for an introduction to Hurtigruten sailing via Zoom or on another platform.

I asked whether our members could sail in both directions, and that is possible! The district will need to select a tour, and additions can be made after that.

I have them separated the tours by routing and sailing dates between the end of August and the beginning of September. The pricing works because all departures from the 15th to the 30th of the month and the 1st to the 14th are the same price. If your goal is a longer day, August might be best. If you want to skirt with the northern lights, September could be better.

You can look over the deck plans using the link below. All coastal ships are very similar and will follow the general outline of cabin category codes. The prices provided are for double occupancy.

Please also take a look at the itineraries. There are some neat options!

Tusen takk,

Cheryl Wille-Schlesser

District 5 President

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<https://www.hurtigruten.com/our-ships/?hrgb=2>

***The Voyage North - Bergen to Kirkenes**

[Itinerary Web Link](#)

August 15th to August 30th

Cabin Category	I2	L2	J2	O2	P2	U2	Q2
Double Occupancy Rates Per Person	\$2,415	\$2,825	\$2,946	\$3,381	\$3,646	\$3,912	\$6,399

September 1st to September 14th

Cabin Category	I2	L2	J2	O2	P2	U2	Q2
Double Occupancy Rates Per Person	\$2,328	\$2,724	\$2,840	\$3,259	\$3,515	\$3,771	\$6,169

***The Voyage South - Kirkenes to Bergen**

[Itinerary Web Link](#)

August 21th to September 6th

Cabin Category	I2	L2	J2	O2	P2	U2	Q2
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Double Occupancy Rates Per Person	\$1,841	\$2,154	\$2,246	\$2,449	\$2,780	\$2,983	\$4,879
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September 7st to September 20th

Cabin Category	I2	L2	J2	O2	P2	U2	Q2
Double Occupancy Rates Per Person	\$1,591	\$1,861	\$1,940	\$2,227	\$2,402	\$2,577	\$4,215

***The Round Trip Voyage - Bergen to Kirkenes to Bergen**

[Itinerary Web Link](#)

August 15th to August 30th

Cabin Category	I2	L2	J2	O2	P2	U2	Q2
Double Occupancy Rates Per Person	\$3,177	\$3,718	\$3,876	\$4,448	\$4,798	\$5,147	\$8,420

September 1st to September 14th

Cabin Category	I2	L2	J2	O2	P2	U2	Q2
Double Occupancy Rates Per Person	\$3,063	\$3,584	\$3,737	\$4,288	\$4,625	\$4,962	\$8,117

Med Vennlig Hilsen / Kind Regards

Adam Felcyn

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Deadlines and Dates! **Changes in red!**

- January 15- Some SN Foundation Scholarships Due (see deadline list- <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>)
- February 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- February 11- Zone 3 meeting in Monroe
- March 1- Some SN Foundation Scholarships Due (see deadline list- <https://www.sofn.com/foundation/scholarships/>)
- March 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- March 15-
 - **D17 Financial Statements** are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters. Lodge Treasurers can file electronically from their profile page on [sofn.com](https://www.sofn.com). An editable PDF is also available from the forms area of the website. **This can only be filed online this year- no hard copies or email versions!**
 - **Lodge of the Year (LOY), Family Lodge of the Year (FLOY), and AFA Year End Reporting** forms are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters. Lodge secretaries can file the LOY and FLOY electronically via the forms section of [sofn.com](https://www.sofn.com), where they can also download PDF versions of the LOY, FLOY and AFA Year End Reporting Forms. Note: lodges using www.fraternalgive.org don't need to file an AFA Year End Reporting form.
 - **D64 Property Officer Forms** are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters from lodges with property/building associations. These forms can be downloaded from the forms section. Online entry is not yet available.
- April 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- April 14-16- Spring District 5 Board Meeting in southern Illinois
- May 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- May 15-
 - **D18 Lodge Property Association** forms are due to Sons of Norway Headquarters. They can be entered electronically via the lodge treasurer's profile page. A PDF can be downloaded from [sofn.com](https://www.sofn.com).
 - **990** The 990 tax forms are due to the IRS by 5/15/2023. Lodges who fail to file a 990 three years in a row will lose their not-for-profit status and cease being a Sons of Norway lodge.
- June 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- July 5- Photo submissions for the Viking to LaVonne Wier at 2nor1rus@gmail.com
- **July 16-21- Masse Moro Camp**

Viking Chest / Immigrant Trunk Schedule

Oct 2022 to Apr 2023:

Chest--zone 1
Trunk--zone 2

Apr 2023 to Oct 2023:

Chest--zone 4
Trunk--zone 3

Oct 2023 to Apr 2024:
Chest--zone 6
Trunk--zone 5

Apr 2024 to Oct 2024
Chest--zone 2
Trunk--zone 1

Oct 2024 to April 2025
Chest--zone 3
Trunk--zone 4

Note:

- Check correspondence from the International and District and the International (www.sofn.com) and District (www.sonsofnorway5.com) websites for any updates and changes.
- Additional deadlines for the District 5 and International Conventions/Lodge Meetings will be added as those dates are established. Watch for future mailings and the District 5 website.

Compiled by Darlene Arneson, SN District 5 Secretary (arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209)

FFFN Basics

In an attempt to help our lodge leaders become more familiar with resources, changes, deadlines and other information, I will compile a weekly "Friendly Fifth Friday News" email to our leadership. Some of the information you might already have, but hopefully it will be a good reminder for all of us (me included) of all the great resources that Sons of Norway has to offer. **Please feel free to cut and paste any of this information for your lodge's use!**

Send all web posting info and calendar dates/events directly to our webmaster at inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com

With our new arrangement, I actually send the FFFN pdf to our webmaster on Thursday morning before I go to work. So if you have anything you'd like me to consider putting in, please send it by 4 am on Thursday morning. Please do not send pdf's as I have a hard time cutting and pasting them. The Word Document works best for me. Don't forget that lodge events should be submitted to inputd5@sonsofnorway5.com as I have a hard time keeping track of all lodge activities. I'll put some in but that is more the role of the website event calendar.

If you would like to get the MS Word document, just shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. I send it out right after I send the email to the large group.

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